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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 5, FENONIA, German steamer, 1,175, P. Paulsen, Yokohama 26th February, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

March 5, MILTON, Norwegian bark, 467, Jones J. Kriger, Takao 1st March, Sugar.—CAPTAIN.

March 5, ACHILLES, British steamer, 1,528, C. Anderson, Liverpool 19th January, Penang 24th Feb., and Singapore 28th, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, MARCH 5TH.

Hailoong, British str., for Amoy.
Marie Louise, German bark, for Saigon.
Wildwood, Amr. bark, for Singapore.
Feronia, German str., for Havre.
Jupiter, Russian bark, for Havre.

DEPARTURES.

March 5, THALES, British str., for Swatow.
March 5, GANGES, British steamer, for Europe, &c.
March 5, NARSDNIK, Russian corvette, for a cruise.
March 5, AFRICA, Portuguese transport, for Macao.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Achilles*, str., from Liverpool, &c.—300 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per P. & O. str. *Ganges*, from Hongkong.—For Marseilles.—Admiral Von der Goltz, Vice-Admiral G. O. Willes, Capt. R. E. Tracey, R.N., Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Duffus, 2 children and servant, Messrs. W. Perry, R.N., F. C. Alton, R.N., and F. E. Bennett, R.N. For London.—Mrs. Noble and family, Colonel Halahan, Baffs, Messrs. Richmond Unsworth, J. Smith, and D. Miller, Admiral Willes's coxswain and 6 domestics. For Colombo.—Captain Roy. For Penang.—Hon. Major and Mrs. McNair and 2 servants. For Singapore.—Mr. G. E. Noble. From Shanghai.—For Singapore.—Mr. A. C. Stallard, and 3 Chinese. For Penang.—Mr. G. Stephens, and servant. For Marseilles.—Mrs. J. L. Scott. From Yokohama.—For Singapore.—Mr. Tobler and servant. For Venice.—Dr. Wood. For Marseilles.—Mr. Marens. For London.—Captain James, and Mr. Day.

Per *Kashgar*, str., for Yokohama.—Messrs. Wong Kam Cheung, Dodds, and Bellamy. For Kobe.—Messrs. J. H. Johnson, E. A. Johnson, and Alfred Budd.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Achilles* reports left Liverpool January 19th, arrived Port Said Feb. 1st, left Suez evening of 4th, arrived Penang 24th and left same day, arrived Singapore 26th and left 28th; experienced moderate weather throughout the passage.

AMOY SHIPPING.

February— ARRIVALS.

23, Spartan, American sch., from H'kong.
24, Olympia, German str., from Hongkong.
25, Namoa, British str., from Foochow.
25, Diamante, British str., from H'kong.
25, Fokien, British str., from Taiwanfoo.
25, Nanshan, British str., from H'kong.
25, Julieta, Spanish str., from H'kong.
26, Kwangtung, British str., from H'kong.
26, Monocacy, American corv., from Foochow.
27, Sin-pang, Chinese gunboat, from Taiwanfoo.
28, Scowo, British str., from Shanghai.
28, F. Balough, Ger. 3-m. sch., from Chefoo.
29, Newchwang, British str., from S'hai.
29, Hoihow, British str., from Swatow.

February— DEPARTURES.

23, Keelung, British str., for Shanghai.
23, Jeddah, British str., for Straits.
23, Rosalya, British str., for Straits.
24, Benclutha, British str., for Shanghai.
25, Tourville, French frig., for H'kong.
25, Fokien, British str., for Hongkong.
25, Diamante, British str., for Manila.
25, Namoa, British str., for Swatow.
25, Flying Fish gunvessel, for Foochow.
26, Kwangtung, British str., for Foochow.
26, Olympia, British str., for Manila.
26, Picciola, British str., for Straits.
26, Julieta, British str., for Manila.
26, Cleopatra, British corv., for H'kong.
27, Monocacy, American corv., for H'kong.
27, Sin-pang, Chinese gunboat for Formosa.
28, Scowo, British str., for Swatow.
28, Mozart, British str., for Taiwanfoo.
29, Spartan, Amr. sch., for Hui-tau Point.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.
(Per last Mail's Advice).

Polyhymnia (s.)	Hongkong	Jan. 14
Glenfruin (s.)	Shanghai	Jan. 15
Santo Domingo (s.)	Manila	Jan. 18

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.
(Corrected to Date).

Aura	Cardiff	Oct. 15
Anna	Penarth	Oct. 21
Figaro	Penarth	Nov. 10
Esmeralda	Hamburg	Nov. 16
Medina	Cardiff	Nov. 26
Medora	Cardiff	Nov. 30
Levi C. Wade	Cardiff	Nov. 30
Embleton (s.)	Glasgow	Nov. 30
Heinrich	Cardiff	Dec. 1
Elsa	Cardiff	Dec. 3
Honauvar	L'pool via Cardiff	Dec. 3
Asia (s.)	Cardiff	Dec. 5
George	Cardiff	Dec. 14
Sirsa (s.)	G'gow via London	Dec. 19
Andrew Jackson	Cardiff	Dec. 29
Marinia	Cardiff	Dec. 30
Kaisow	Cardiff	Dec. 30
Forest King	Penarth	Jan. 1
Jupiter	Antwerp	Jan. 9
Yorkshire (s.)	London	Jan. 10
Adela	Cardiff	Jan. 13
Bonglee (s.)	London	Jan. 14
Leonora	Cardiff	Jan. 16
Glencoe (s.)	London	Jan. 17

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HO SHEN CHEE,
Secretary.

Head Office, Hankow Road,
Shanghai, 1st June, 1882. [1102

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6th May, 1881. [17

INTIMATIONS.

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BEART'S CELEBRATED SUFFOLK BACON and HAMS.
ASSORTED WINES, SPIRITS, and LIQUEURS, as per lists.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

18th February, 1884. [32

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between Messrs. HOLMES and SALAMON has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

GEORGE HOLMES.
M. SALAMON.

The business will in future be carried on by the Undersigned.

GEORGE HOLMES.

1st March, 1884. [469

NOTICE

MR. FRANCISCO MAMEDE GONSALVES and Mr. AUGUSTO JOSE DO ROZARIO have this day been admitted Partners in our Firm.

ROZARIO & Co.

1st March, 1884. [464

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as SECRETARY of the above Company until further notice.

E. R. BELILIOS,
Chairman.

25th February, 1884. [430

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Mrs. E. LILLEY.

4th March, 1884. [480

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THE PREMISES now occupied by Mr. Rahemoobhoy Habibhoy, No. 46, in Lyndhurst Terrace.

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H. M. M. ALLY & Co.

29th February, 1884. [459

TO LET.

NOS. 4, 7, and 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
No. 16, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
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Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

28th June, 1883. [27

COALS TAKEN ON STORAGE at moderate terms.

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1st February, 1884. [270

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8th February, 1884. [328

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8th February, 1884. [334

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5th January, 1884. [98

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28th December, 1883. [31

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1st February, 1882. [28

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THE PREMISES now occupied by us No. 11, Queen's Road Central.

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1st August, 1883. [80

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INSTALMENT received on NEW SHARES ... $2,074,744.75.
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RESERVED FUND ... $2,500,000.
INSTALMENTS of PREMIUM received on NEW SHARES ... $1,563,361.63.
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Offices of the Corporation,
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Hongkong, 28th February, 1884. [7

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AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

THIS DAY,
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SUNDRY EFFECTS belonging to the Estates of the late Messrs. G. F. PINKER, G. FRIZELL, G. PENATI and A. A. DOS REMEDIOS,

Comprising:—

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&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

5th March, 1884. [492

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE WRECK OF STEAMSHIP "YOTSAI."

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on

SATURDAY,
the 8th March, 1884, at 2 P.M., by
MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG,
At his Auction Room, Queen's Road,

All that THE WRECK of the Steamship or Vessel with her fittings and fixtures known as the Steamship "YOTSAI," now lying outside the Two Brothers off Castle Peak as she now is with all defects.

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J. M. ARMSTRONG,
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5th March, 1884. [493

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
OLD CHINESE CURIOS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

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Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

4th March, 1884. [481

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,
the 14th day of March, 1884, on the Premises,
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29th February, 1884. [453

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER, to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 19th March, 1884, at NOON, at H. M. Naval Yard,
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TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

4th March, 1884. [482

NOTICE.

In the matter of the ESTATE of ALEXANDRE ANTONIO DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the ESTATE of ALEXANDRE ANTONIO DOS REMEDIOS, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant, who died at Macao, on the 17th day of December, 1883, and Letters of Administration to whose ESTATE were granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 26th day of January, 1884, to EULALIA COLLAÇO DOS REMEDIOS, the widow of the said ALEXANDRE ANTONIO DOS REMEDIOS, are hereby required to send in Writing the Particulars of their Claims and Demands to JERONYMO MIGUEL DOS REMEDIOS, at Messrs. J. J. dos Remedios & Co., Stanley Street, Victoria, aforesaid, the duly appointed Attorney of the said EULALIA COLLAÇO DOS REMEDIOS, or to the Undersigned her Solicitors, on or before the thirty first day of March, 1884.

And NOTICE is hereby also given that at the expiration of the last mentioned day the said EULALIA COLLAÇO DOS REMEDIOS will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said ALEXANDRE ANTONIO DOS REMEDIOS, deceased, amongst the Parties entitled thereto having regard to the Claims of which notice shall then have been given and that the said EULALIA COLLAÇO DOS REMEDIOS will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose Claim the said EULALIA COLLAÇO DOS REMEDIOS has not had notice at the time of distribution.

Dated the 17th day of February, 1884.

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18th January, 1884. [191

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S.S. "ACHILLES." FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 10th inst., for shipment per steamer "AJAX."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

6th March, 1884. [501

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "ACHILLES," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 6th March, 1884.

Goods undelivered after the 12th March, 1884, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

6th March, 1884. [501

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "PATROCLUS," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 1st March, 1884.

Goods undelivered after the 7th March, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

29th February, 1884. [460

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Office of this Paper.

29th February, 1884. [457

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified to the Public that the Military Authorities are about to lay a MINE FIELD on the Hongkong side of the LYE MUN PASS, for the purpose of making experiments.

The Field will be marked by two buoys moored in the Centre of the Pass; and to prevent fouling the Mine Cases and Moorings, Masters of Vessels navigating the Channel are cautioned to keep on the North East or Chinese side of the said buoys.

Guard Boats will be stationed to warn Shipmasters previous to firing the Mines.

(Signed) H. G. THOMSETT,
Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 5th February, 1884. [330

NOTICE.

MASTERS of JUNKS are directed to keep on the Chinese side of the LYE MUN PASS, when going through that Channel, in order to avoid damage from Mines which are to be laid on the Hongkong side of the Pass.

(Signed) H. G. THOMSETT,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 5th February, 1884. [331

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE IN EUROPE.

PASSENGERS AND SHIPPERS by the above Company's steamers are informed that Quarantine enforcements have been reduced at MARSEILLES to 24 hours and at VENICE to 2 days, performed on board the steamer at both Ports.

Quarantine will probably be removed from all ports by the time steamers now leaving China will arrive in the MEDITERRANEAN.

Passengers by the Company's steamers have always the option of continuing the journey on to London, on payment of the difference of fare.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

12th February, 1884. [245

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By Order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

28th February, 1884. [453

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,
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26th February, 1884. [442

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HONGKONG, MARCH 6TH, 1884.

THE home Government seems to have decided that Hongkong shall pay a large proportion of the loss on the mail contract with the P. and O. Company. The amount first asked for was over £12,000 per annum, but the Secretary of State for the Colonies has reduced this amount to £6,000, with arrears at the same rate from the commencement of the service. On the 26th June last Sir GEORGE BOWEN wrote to Lord DERBY forwarding resolutions of the Executive Council and Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on the subject. These resolutions were to the effect that the Colony was prepared to pay a fixed total annual sum of £4,000 from February 1st, 1880, it being clearly understood that the former fluctuating payment of about £3,000 a year was to cease from the above date. In reply Lord DERBY forwards a copy of correspondence which had passed on the subject between the Treasury and the General Post Office, and says:—"I request that you will propose to your Council to vote a contribution for the term of the present contract, including the arrears of payment from its commencement, at the rate of £6,000 per annum." When this vote is proposed it is to be hoped the unofficial members of the Council will offer a strenuous opposition to it. The smaller sum of £4,000 proposed, will absorb the whole annual profit on working the Post Office, which, as the resolution of the Finance Committee states, is mainly derived from local postage and is unconnected with any subsidised mail line. Anything beyond this, if so much, the Colony cannot in justice be asked to pay. The new contract was entered into without this Colony being consulted in any way whatever, and Lord DERBY in his last dispatch to the Treasury, dated 9th November, 1883, says:—"Had the question of this contribution been brought forward by the General Post Office in 1878, when the Colonial Office was pressed for an immediate opinion on the respective merits of certain tenders, the Secretary of State would have felt himself quite unable to consent to the contract on the part of Hongkong without first consulting the Colonial Government." The fact is the home Government, by the action they took in the matter, must be held to have assumed the entire responsibility of the contract as part of its general postal system. On that system the London Post Office is making a profit of over £2,000,000 annually, and although there is a loss on its service to this part of the world we submit it ought simply to be brought into the general account, and that the communities of Hongkong, the Straits, and Ceylon ought not to be taxed in order to pay for it. As was pointed out by Lord KIMBERLEY in a dispatch to the Treasury, the importance to the mother country of regular mail communication with the East is not to be measured only by the number of letters conveyed; besides the assistance which it affords to Her Majesty's Government in facilitating the administration of these dependencies and the direction of the naval forces in the East, it may fairly be said that the mercantile community of the United Kingdom, who supply the capital for and control the operations of the commerce of these Colonies, have a greater interest in the correspondence than their colonial correspondents, and should bear more than half the expense. What the "colonial correspondents" think of the matter may be inferred from the statement of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to the local Government, in which they say the question is now agitated among the mercantile community as to the policy of subsidising any line of steamers between this Colony and Europe, considering the numerous means of direct and speedy steam communication now available. Then again, as to the principle of paying according to distance, which brings about the formidable total claimed by the London Post Office, it would seem, as our local Postmaster-General points out, that "whilst the P. & O. contract extends to Shanghai, how far along the line Hongkong may happen to be, so long as a stoppage there is inevitable, ought not to make very much difference. If the voyage ceased at Hongkong, or the packets went out of their way to come here, it would be very different. But evidently the Imperial Government wishes to maintain communication with Shanghai, and the packets must come into Hongkong whether we avail ourselves of them for postal purposes or not. When a person must needs go from Edinburgh to London, and is asked to deliver a parcel on the way, it surely does not matter much to him whether it is addressed to Carlisle or to Newark so long as both are in his road." Mr. LISTER further says:—"Payment according to distance is moreover opposed to the general practice of postal service. A letter from London to Cornwall costs no more than one delivered at Kensington, the postage to China is the same as that to India. And the same rule obtains with regard to payments for territorial and sea-conveyance. We pay the French Post Office the same rates for carrying a letter to Saigon as for carrying it to Marseilles, and if the transit were extended to Brazil we should pay no more. Switzerland obtains the same remuneration on correspondence which crosses a corner of its territory as Russia does for transporting it from St. Petersburg to Manchuria." Yet the principle of payment according to distance is the rule it is proposed to apply to Hongkong. All that the Postmaster-General has to say in reply to Mr. LISTER's argument is that, "It is futile to argue the point with the Colonial Postmaster-General whether Hongkong should be required to pay according to the distance over which its mails are carried. It is clear that the Packet Company has to be paid for the length of the Sea Service, and the burden must either be shared by the Colony *pro rata* as proposed, or continue to be borne, as it has been for many years past, by the mother country." The cost of conveying a letter from London to Aberdeen is, judged by the cost per mile of working the railway, greater than that of conveying one to Bedford, but the Post Office makes no difference in its rates, and if it chooses, without consulting this Colony, to extend its service to Shanghai, it is clearly inequitable to levy a tax on the population of Hongkong to pay for the loss on the letters to or from this colony, seeing that the steamers must necessarily touch here. If the Colony gives up to the London office the profit it makes on its local postal service it is the very utmost it can reasonably be asked to do, and far more than the Imperial Government ought to expect.

The German barque *Bonito* was to be undocked at Aberdeen yesterday.

The Russian corvette *Naezdnik*, Captain Kalagerass, left here yesterday for a cruise.

The Portuguese transport *Africa*, Captain Pedrozo, left here for Macao yesterday.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) that the Union Line steamer *Yorkshire*, from London, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning.

Admiral Sir William Dowell hoisted his flag on board the frigate *Audacious* yesterday morning, and was saluted by the men-of-war of various nationalities now in the harbour.

The British steamer *Haiman*, formerly employed in running between this port and Hoihow, &c., has been purchased from Mr. Lai Afong by the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company for about $12,000. She will for the present be employed as a night boat on the line, between Hongkong and Canton.

The inquest which was opened on the bodies of those killed by the *Yoksi* disaster will not now be held, the Coroner having found that the matter does not come under his jurisdiction. This will obviate the necessity of holding two inquiries on the same disaster, when the subject will no doubt be fully inquired into by the Court of Inquiry presided over by Capt. Thomsett.

The London correspondent of a Glasgow paper writes:—"I hear of a curious enterprise. It is well known that Japanese articles are in great demand. Some people who think that the supply requires to be increased are about to start a Japanese exhibition here. It is proposed to import largely from Japan, and the exhibition is to comprise houses, shops, and cottages. The site of the exhibition has not yet been selected, but a capital of £50,000 will be required in order to carry out the intentions of the promoters."

Another heat of the third round of the Lawn Tennis Championship was played on the Cricket Ground yesterday afternoon between Messrs. Bowles and Coxon. The first set was won by the former rather easily, but in the second set he seemed to fall behind for a considerable time, as after winning the second game not another was accred in his favour until it stood five to one against him. He then won the next five games straight off, and thus secured the heat in the two first sets. There was some very fine play on both sides, and in some of the rallies the ball was kept passing over the net for many seconds without ever touching the ground. Though Mr. Coxon did not succeed in making the one game he required to win the second set, he was constantly within an ace of doing it. The scores are:—

	Games.		Sets.
Bowles	6	5	2
Coxon	3	7	0

On Tuesday night, a fatal accident befell a boatswain's mate named James Tankard, belonging to H.M.S. *Swift*, who met his death under circumstances detailed below. William Kennett, quarter-master of the *Swift*, saw the deceased the evening before this occurrence. He went into the Seamen's Club at about a quarter past ten o'clock and left at about half past eleven. He went out alone, and was then quite sober, walking straight. The time to close the bar was eleven, but the deceased remained half an hour later assisting Kennett and talking. This was the last seen of him that night, but Lance-Corporal Mann, who was on duty at the Commissariat pier at about half-past six yesterday morning, saw a man's hand under the small private wharf to the east of the Commissariat Department. He went round to the spot and saw the body of the deceased lying with his head in the sand, doubled under the body. It was low tide at the time, and the body was not under water. He left it where it was and sent a man for a constable. P.C. Lyons arrived shortly after and found the deceased in the position described, completely clothed in his uniform. He got the body up, it being then quite dead and cold, and had it removed to the Royal Naval Hospital. The wharf in question is a small private wharf approached from Queen's-road by a lane running between the Temperance Hall and the Commissariat Department. It is fitted with a gate, but Inspector Corcoran said the gate was never closed, and the wharf has lately been used a good deal by seamen going off to their ships. Evidence to the above effect was given at an inquest held at the Naval Hospital yesterday before the Coroner and a jury composed of Messrs. L. Fleming, F. M. Franco, and A. dos P. da Costa. Commander Collins, of the *Swift*, was present and stated that the deceased had borne a good character since he joined the *Swift*, about three years ago. He attended by the desire of the commanding officer with regard to the danger that attended the use of that pier. Sampans constantly plied there, and seamen used the wharf at all hours of the night as it was so near the Seamen's Club. The gate was never fastened, and as there was no light, it was dangerous to be used at night. The deceased fell down between the pier and the wall. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and the Coroner promised to forward a representation with regard to the pier to the proper quarters.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 4th March.

PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. Marriott, the member for Brighton, having supported the vote of censure, resigned his seat, and has been re-elected as a Conservative candidate by a largely increased majority.

THE BUFFS' BALL AT THE CITY HALL.

Last night Colonel Graves and the officers of the Buffs gave an "at home" or ball at the City Hall, which was largely attended. Last year they gave a Ball which was remarkably successful, and this year our gallant friends carried through their "at home," as they do everything they undertake, in a most thorough and satisfactory manner. Last year the amount of labour lavished on the decoration of the hall was prodigious, and the number of rifles, swords, bayonets, ramrods, &c., displayed round the walls were sufficient to equip a small army. The result was one of the most striking effects ever seen at any ball in this colony. This year the decoration was of a different character, and those who went expecting to see last year's display to a great extent repeated, were surprised to find the aspect of the rooms entirely different. So great a change of style in the decoration reflects great credit on the Committee who carried it out, and though this year the adornment of the building was of a somewhat lighter description, its effect was not inferior to that of the previous year. St. George's Hall was laid out for dancing, and of course it was on this room that most work was lavished in decoration, and its appearance was very pretty. At the south end of the room a trophy dais was erected, which was covered with dark cloth, a conspicuous object on which was a bell which was saved from the wreck of the steamer *St. Lawrence*, which was lost off Patenoster Point, about 90 miles north of Capetown, on the 8th November, 1879, while conveying the regiment to the Zulu War. On either side of this drums were piled artistically, flanked with pot plants, and piles of rifles. The handsome drum major's staff and belt presented by General Lord Napier, formerly commander of the regiment, were also there. Above the bell were the figures 1572, that being the date on which the regiment, one of the oldest of our army, was formed out of the London trainband, of which the immortal John Gilpin was at one time captain. Above this again was the handsome regimental Challenge Shield, on which are tablets bearing the names of the best shooting company year by year. On either side of this were displayed the honoured remains of the regimental colours. They have been borne bravely to success through many a hard fought field and are veterans covered with scars which are the pride of the regiment. At the other end of the room was a large star made of the officers' swords and revolvers and ramrods, and in the centre of each of the sides were somewhat similar stars composed of the scabbards of the officers' swords, revolvers and ramrods. On the floor all round the sides of the room were rifles piled as at a camp, and between the piles were pot plants. The doors and windows were draped with flags, and round all the gas brackets were fixed stars composed of bayonets and ramrods on a red ground. Round the room on the upper part of the walls were placed shields bearing the regimental badges. One was the dragon, with the motto "venderi froudessit honerâ," which may be translated somewhat as follows "it bursts forth with its original glories." The other badges were the white horse of Kent, this being the East Kent Regiment, and the Rose and Crown, which the regiment is entitled to use. The doors leading into St. Andrew's Hall were not closed, but a half screen was placed before each, and the light shining through the draping of flags had a very pretty effect. St. Andrew's Hall was used as the supper room, and was decorated with the flags of all the nations represented in the harbour, including besides those of most European powers, the Chinese, Japanese, and Siamese flags. The tables were laid out very effectively, the regimental plate adding much to their appearance. In the centre was a long table at which the principal guests were seated, and those who could not find room at that table were accommodated at smaller tables on either side. The ante-room was decorated in a style corresponding with that of St. George's Hall, and had a very pleasant appearance. The Chamber of Commerce room was devoted to refreshments, whilst card players and smokers found ample accommodation in the room below next to the Museum. The verandahs were treated after the original and charming manner introduced at the last year's regimental ball, viz., in rustic bowers formed of green boughs with two seats in each for a quiet tête-a-tête for couples between the dances. Pot plants were grouped round the pillars at the entrance hall, and lined each side of the stairs all the way up, whilst the balustrades were covered with foliage. At the first landing was a large mirror flanked by stars made of the sergeants' and drummers' swords and bugles. The walls of the staircase and top landing, and the doors, were treated in a style corresponding with the decoration of the ball room.

The Committee to whom this work was entrusted was composed of Major Harrison, Major Gelston, Capt. Chippendall, Lieut. Knight, Lieut. Bunbury, and Lieut. Mitford. They were also assisted by the other officers, and valuable help was given by Capt. Davis of H. M. S. *Victor Emanuel*.

Shortly after 9.30 p.m., His Excellency the Governor, with Lady and the Misses Bowen, General Sargent, and other distinguished visitors, entered the hall, and were received by a guard of honour composed of 50 men of the regiment, who lined the entrance hall on both sides, and the whole way up the staircase, and gave the general salute as the party entered. There were also two sentries with the colours in St. George's Hall, who also saluted Sir George Bowen and General Sargent as they entered, and remained until after the completion of the first dance, after which the company "chased the glowing hour with flying feet" till an advanced hour.

POLICE COURT.

5th March.

BEFORE MR. H. E. WODEHOUSE.

"AUDACIOUS" TARS.

Thomas Anderson, seaman of H.M.S. *Audacious*, pleaded guilty to having been drunk and disorderly in Queen's-road East on Wednesday night last, and he was fined $1.

Charles Leary, seaman of the same vessel, also pleaded guilty to drunkenness and wilful damage of property on the same evening.

Leary, in a intoxicated state, walked with two friends into the shop of a watchmaker, named Li Wing Ki, in Bonham Strand, and without any provocation he struck a watch the complainant was working at with a piece of firewood, and smashed it.

Fined $2 and ordered to pay $8 amends for the damage, and in default of payment, sent to gaol for three weeks.

TROUBLESOME SERVANTS.

Ngai A Im and Chung Achik, chair coolies in the employ of Mr. J. H. Cox, were charged with refusal of duty and absenting themselves without leave.

On the 29th ult. Mr. Cox ordered the coolies to remain at the house and do some work, but they went out without saying anything to the boy, and returning for a short time, they left again, and did not return till the next morning. They had been in the habit of absenting themselves before, but they would not have been charged on this occasion had they not been very insolent and disobedient to orders.

The defendants were fined $2 each, which they paid.

LARCENY OF OPIUM.

Sin Lung, coolie, was charged with stealing 23 balls of opium from the P. and O. godown, on the 3rd inst.

J. A. Ahlman, pier master to the Company, stated that between six and seven o'clock on Monday morning he was called to the godown at West Point, and there saw the prisoner with 15 balls of raw opium stowed in his waist belt, and on searching the godown he found five more balls secreted in one place, and three in another from the same chest which had been broken open. Each ball was worth between $4 and $5. The prisoner was one of the coolies employed to carry cargo to and from the godown. Another coolie found him in the building on opening it, hiding himself at the back part.

The defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ROBBING A PASSENGER.

Lai Sze, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for stealing a pillow-box and contents, value $3, from a passenger for Canton by the steamer *China*, on the 4th inst.

The defendant had been noticed hanging about the steamer, and a lokang seeing him with a box in his hand, arrested him. It was found the box belonged to a passenger.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

His Excellency the GOVERNOR, Sir GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.
Hon. Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Chief Justice.
Hon. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
Hon. E. L. O'MALLEY, Attorney-General.
Hon. A. LISTER, Colonial Treasurer.
Hon. J. M. PRICE, Surveyor-General.
Hon. F. STEWART, Registrar-General.
Hon. P. RYRIE.
Hon. F. B. JOHNSON.
Hon. T. JACKSON.
Hon. F. D. SASSOON.
Hon. WONG SHING.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved a number of votes which had passed the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I have, sir, to move, in accordance with your Excellency's recommendation in your opening address the other day, that a Finance Committee be appointed to consist of the whole Council, with the Colonial Secretary as Chairman; second, that a Committee of Laws be appointed to consist of the following members:—The Attorney-General as Chairman, the Chief Justice, the Colonial Treasurer, Hon. T. Jackson, and Hon. F. D. Sassoon; and that a committee of Public Works be appointed to consist of the following members:—the Surveyor-General as Chairman, the Colonial Secretary, the Registrar-General, Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. F. B. Johnson, and Hon. Wong Shing.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

Hon. F. B. JOHNSON—Before you put the question to the vote of the Council, sir, I desire to ask under the cognisance of which committee would come questions relating to the police and gaol.

His EXCELLENCY—Under the Law Committee, certainly. That is the practice in other Colonies. Everything of the nature of a Government regulation is referred to the Law Committee. With such a small Council it would be very difficult to have a third committee; it will be far simpler to have only two committees.

Hon. F. B. JOHNSON—Then I presume with regard to the Finance Committee its duty will simply be with regard to ways and means; not to consider the necessity of public works.

His EXCELLENCY—Yes, except that of course a member may question the policy of the Government as a financial question.

The SURVEYOR-GENERAL—I would suggest that the hon. member on my right (Mr. Jackson) be appointed on the Public Works Committee. He would be a great acquisition to that committee. He has expressed himself as having the greatest objection to serve on the Law Committee, but as being willing to serve on the Public Works Committee, and I think he would be a great acquisition to it.

His EXCELLENCY—Perhaps Mr. Wong Shing would have no objection to serve on the Law Committee.

Hon. WONG SHING—I don't know much about legal questions. I think it would be better to appoint some other member.

His EXCELLENCY—I think it would be very desirable to have Mr. Wong Shing on the Law Committee, as he would be able to give information as to the ideas of the Chinese.

Hon. WONG SHING signified his assent.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—With reference to the constitution of the Law Committee, although it would be a great advantage in some ways that we should have the benefit of the Chief Justice's advice as a member of the Committee, I think there are some obvious objections to the Chief Justice serving on that committee. It would be more convenient and conducive to public interests that we should receive his suggestions in Council. Therefore I should move that the Chief Justice's name be omitted.

The CHIEF JUSTICE—Your Excellency, I must say I do not think I ought to serve on the Law Committee. At the same time, if the Law Committee wish to refer to me at any time I shall be happy to assist them with my advice whenever they may consider it advisable. I do not think, however, I ought to be tied down by the decision of that Committee.

His EXCELLENCY—That never was intended.

The Committees were finally arranged as follows: Law:—The Attorney-General, the Colonial Treasurer, Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. F. D. Sassoon, Hon. Wong Shing. Public Works:—The Surveyor-General, the Colonial Secretary, the Registrar-General, Hon. F. B. Johnson, and Hon. T. Jackson.

The SURVEYOR-GENERAL—I rise, Sir, to suggest that these committees be open to other members, for the reason that we have a great deal of sanitary legislation looming ahead, and I think the services of the Public Works Committee would be of great use in discussing sanitary measures.

The suggestion was adopted.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have to move the first reading of a Bill entitled the Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1884. The object of the Ordinance is to make better provision than that already made by Ordinance 22 of 1844. It substantially reenacts several of the sections of that Ordinance and will involve the repeal of that Ordinance.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have to move the first reading of a Bill entitled the Opium Ordinance, 1884. This is an Ordinance to consolidate all the existing Ordinances, with reference to Opium and to make some further provisions.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE STAMP ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have to move the first reading of a Bill entitled the Stamp Ordinance, 1884. This Ordinance is to make better provision regulating stamps in lieu of the existing Ordinance. It contains in the schedule a considerable number of alterations.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have to move the first reading of a Bill entitled the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884. I may state this is substantially the same as the Bill that was introduced in the last session of the Council, with this exception, that the Ordinance as now proposed contains a clause which provides that it shall not affect medical practitioners practising in the colony at the time of the passing of the Ordinance. That is substantially in accordance with a suggestion made first by the Chief Justice when the Bill was before the Council before, and is in accordance, I believe, with the views of the unofficial members.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE PRISON ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have to move the first reading of a Bill entitled the Prison Ordinance, 1884. This is a Bill to make further provision for the regulation of prisons.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

DANGEROUS GOODS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have to move the first reading of a Bill entitled the Dangerous Goods Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1884. The object of this Bill is to do away with certain exceptions to the provisions of the existing Ordinance.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

PIERS AND WHARVES.

Hon. F. B. JOHNSON—Sir, I rise to ask leave to introduce a Bill to authorise Catchick Paul Chater, Esq., to construct piers and wharves in the harbour of Victoria, and to confer upon the said Catchick Paul Chater certain other powers and privileges. This Bill is mainly identical with a similar Bill that was introduced by me to the Council in the last session and seconded by my hon. friend the Surveyor-General. There was some misunderstanding about the three days' notice that had to be given, and it is necessary to introduce it again. This Bill does not, I believe, interfere with any private interests and will be for the benefit of the port generally.

The SURVEYOR-GENERAL seconded.

The Bill was read a first time.

BILLS REFERRED.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I now move that that these seven Bills be referred to the Law Committee.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Carried.

THE STANDING ORDERS.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the Standing Orders were referred to the Law Committee for revision and report.

THE LIGHT DUES.

Hon. F. B. JOHNSON—It will be within your recollection, sir, that shortly after your assumption of the government of this colony a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce waited upon you with reference to the light dues levied in this harbour. You suggested the question should be reserved for discussion in the re-constituted Council which you were about to propose to Her Majesty's Government. My object to-day is to give practical effect to that suggestion, and at the outset of my remarks I desire to express my regret that it should be necessary in any English legislature in the present day to stand up to defend the principle of free and unrestricted intercourse, which has been called the soul of industry; and I think this is the very last place in which such a question should be discussed, considering that free, unfettered commercial intercourse is the primary condition of our industrial existence. The motion of which I have given notice is to the following effect:—"That in the opinion of this Council the light dues levied on shipping in any one year should not exceed in amount the estimated expenses of maintaining the light-houses during that year." To plunge at once into my subject, I would draw the attention of the Council to the fact that in the year 1881, the last for which I have any returns, the income from light dues was $20,755. The cost of maintaining the lights was $7,465, leaving a balance of $13,289. Taking the whole of the expenditure on light-houses from 1874 to 1881, the amount was $88,605, and the revenue from 1875 to 1881 (there was no revenue in 1874) was $113,220, leaving a net balance to the general revenue of the colony of $24,634. Now, sir, I make no reference in this statement to the revenue derived from junks. That revenue may be described as altogether a separate affair, considering it is merged in the question of licence fees and registration, and as my motion simply affirms a general principle, I think I may safely leave the question of the revenue derived from junks to a future occasion. I do not think I shall be challenged when I affirm the principle I contend for in the motion is universally recognised. No nation fails to regard the dues it levies on vessels entering its ports, whether as tonnage or light dues, as a separate account not merged in the general revenue. In England the practice is to leave the collection of these dues to an independent corporation, and when in any one year there is an excess of revenue over expenditure there is a re-adjustment of taxation in the subsequent year. Coming nearer to this colony, we find this principle recognised in China and Japan, both of which spend more than their revenue from this source on the lights and ports, and we know that our Ministers in those countries have used every argument in favour of the principle I now contend for. And, sir, in the recent communications with Korea, a stipulation has been endeavoured to be made, and I believe effectually, that the funds derived from the dues levied on shipping shall be exclusively devoted either to the improvement of harbours or to lights. It is reserved, sir, to this colony to be an exception to the principle which is of universal application, and the inconsistency is manifest that while our representatives are urging this principle on the nations of the East we are acting in absolute defiance of it. You drew attention, sir in your speech at the opening of the session, to the fact that there pass through this harbour five million tons of shipping every year, and I think it must be obvious to us all that it is our interest to attract by every means in our power an increase of tonnage to these waters and that we should make the charges on that tonnage as light as possible. Small charges induce low freights, and low freights encourage the passage and repassage of merchandise. The passage of merchandise into this port and its storage here is the very essence of our prosperity. Sir, it appears to me the most impolitic thing we can do is to tax shipping here. I think the best thing we could do would be to remove the whole of the charges, but at present I do not go so far as that. We simply ask that any excess of revenue over expenditure on the lights shall be devoted to remission of the special taxes now levied on vessels entering the harbour. It cannot be alleged, sir, there is any difficulty in the way of finance. You told us the other day the colony rejoices in a surplus of revenue over expenditure of $120,000 a year. Sir, I am at a loss to know by what argument the motion I have brought forward can be opposed. I anticipate my hon. friends will tell us the Colonial Office has said the tax is not to be remitted, but I hope the Government will favour us with some reasons why it should not be remitted. It appears to me it is contrary to all sound principles, that it is opposed to the practice of other countries, that it is impolitic, and that it is not called for by any considerations of finance. Sir, I beg to move, "That in the opinion of this Council the light dues levied on shipping in any one year should not exceed in amount the expenses of maintaining the lighthouses during that year."

Hon. P. RYRIE—Your Excellency, I beg to second the motion of my hon. friend opposite I was on this Council when these dues were fixed, and my recollection serves me I think correctly when I say that when the dues were fixed at one cent the idea of the Council was that it would only pay the expense of the lighthouses, and that if it was found afterwards this rate was too high a reduction would be made. Some members proposed half a cent per ton, and I think it was stated from some authoritative source it would not be enough, but the idea distinctly was that the cost of the lights only should be collected. I think the dues as they are now are a very great hardship on a certain class of coasting vessels; for instance, those which come from Shanghai, go up to Canton, and return in a few days have to pay light dues twice. This was brought to my notice very recently by the commander of a coasting steamer. He said his steamer coming from Shanghai, going to Canton, and returning here had to pay double dues. At any rate if the Government cannot see their way to reduce the rate I think the regulations might be amended. I agree most cordially with the motion of my hon. friend opposite.

The COLONAL SECRETARY—Sir, the motion which my hon. friend has made is a very important one, involving as it does a considerable diminution in the revenue of the colony. There has been some correspondence, extending over eighteen months, only one portion of which has been laid before the Council. I think therefore I should meet the motion of my hon. friend by an amendment that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee in order that the whole of the correspondence may be considered and looked into carefully. The matter was first brought before the Council in 1882, when the hon. member asked that the letter of the Chamber of Commerce be laid on the table. It was laid on the table, and I informed the Council I did not at the time feel competent to deal with the question, as I had just received an intimation from home that your Excellency had been appointed to the Governorship. In May last year a deputation waited on your Excellency, and you gave them a very full reply, stating why you could not consent to the proposed reduction. It is unnecessary to go over the ground traversed in that reply. After that a memorial was received from the Chamber of Commerce, which was forwarded to the Secretary of State. I may remind my hon. friends that at the time the question was first raised we had a large balance amounting to one year's revenue, but that is constantly disappearing in the large works the necessity for which has been generally recognised, and in the course of next year we shall find the whole of that surplus has disappeared and we shall have to ask for a loan. Under this state of things I think it a matter for serious consideration whether the colony can give up such a large part of its revenue. I estimate it at between $25,000 and $30,000. The question requires some time to look into, and I move that it be referred to the Finance Committee and that the whole of the correspondence be laid before the Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—I beg to second that. I do so in no hostile spirit to the motion we have just heard, but as the Colonial Secretary has observed, to sacrifice any portion of our revenue is a very serious matter. Therefore I second the amendment for further consideration.

Hon. P. RYRIE—I suppose if the Finance Committee discuss the question they will have before them full details of what took place when the light-houses were first proposed and when this rate of one cent per ton was established. I suppose the papers are still extant, and I hope they will be laid before the Committee, because my recollection is very distinct the intention was only to get as much from the light dues as would cover the expenditure.

CANTON.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

5th March.

There is some excitement in the city over the news from Wai Chau. There are various rumours as to the state of things there. One rumour is that there has been a band of robbers plundering the villages, and when some military forces went to disperse them, the robbers resisted and were too strong for the forces sent against them, and killed some of the military officers and men and wounded others. Another is that there was an outbreak of the Hakka people in the suburb of the department city of Wei Chau because of the severity and urgency of the officials in collecting back taxes. This severity has led some of the people to resist by arms the collection of those taxes. This is the more probable cause of the outbreak, and in the absence of reliable intelligence and in the excited state of the public mind all kinds of rumours have been started. One is that these Hakkas are all Roman Catholics and they are giving trouble as the emissaries of the French. The Government have sent some forces against them, and I think that the matter will soon all be ended at that place. But if the Government proceeds to collect war-funds in the relentless and exorbitant manner in which they have commenced in this city, such outbreaks may be expected to occur at other places either simultaneously or in succession, as the case may be.

The following statements have been made as to the increase of taxes demanded by reason of the need for the sinews of war. The oil guild, which has been accustomed to pay Tls. 20,000, is now required to pay Tls. 80,000, or an increase of four fold. It is said the guild has had to comply with the demand. The guild of ribbon weavers, which has hitherto paid Tls. 500, has been called upon to pay Tls. 6,000. The guild refuses to accede to this demand as their business is very dull owing to the lokin on various things. The Company which manages theatrical companies has been called upon to pay a levy of Tls. 50,000, whereas hitherto nothing has been required. The company has refused to pay the demand and some of the employers have been seized and are threatened to be held till the company promises to pay this levy toward the war fund. The member of the gentry who is the patron of the company has retaliated by having one of the gentry seized with the purpose of holding him till the employés of the company are liberated. It can easily be seen how soon this demand of exorbitant sums and attempt to enforce their payment by strong measures will lead to armed resistance by more formidable bands than those who are now resisting the Government in Wai Chau. If the Governor-General of these two Provinces seeks to preserve the order and peace of this part of China he will immediately order the discontinuance of the attempt to levy such exorbitant sums on the several guilds and forbid any of the collectors to resort to violence in the attempt to enforce the collection of the levies. If they continue to demand such sums and seek to collect them by imprisonment, they will goad the people to resistance, and as most of the soldiers in this region are from the vicinity of this city they, in case of outbreaks of the people, will fraternize with their fellow-villagers and turn against their rulers. All well-wishers of China will hope to hear that the Government will in the trying circumstances it is placed in pursue a just and moderate course, and thus maintain a quiet and orderly state of society.

TIENTSIN.

8th February.

China is determined to fight the French, and determined to make Tonquin the field of operations; they are sure to keep the French busy there, and still hope to beat them there; then France will have to submit to China's demands; being kept fully employed there the French will not think of paying, nor venture to pay, visits, of a similar nature as that to Tonquin, to any other place in China; therefore they think all questions pending between them will have to be fought out in Tonquin.

Therefore Her Majesty, it is said by the advice of Li, has been pleased to appoint the Viceroy of the Liang Kwang, Chêng, Generalissimo of Tonquin Wang, Pang Yu-ling Lieut., Acting Viceroy for Chêng; thus it appears the Chinese Government has lost faith in Liu Jui, the leader of the Black Flags.

Tsêng Kwo-chuan has been appointed Acting President of the Li Poo. Tso's Second Memorial for leave has been refused again. It is strange that this famous General fears so much to meet the French, when only two years ago he was so desirous to meet the Russians.

It was Li Hung-Tsao, not Li Hung-chang who had the quarrel on the 24th December with Sir Harry Parkes at the Tsung-le Yamên.

Mr. Holcombe has returned from his tour in Shantung.

It is said that H.E. Li feels that there is nothing left for him but to side with the War Party.—*Mercury* Correspondent.

NEWCHWANG.

30th January.

On the 12th inst., after a twelve days' painful illness, suffered with the greatest patience, died in the mission of Manchuria the Rev. Father Charles Joseph Vesault. Born in 1806, and arriving at the mission here in China in 1842, he has ever since carried on his Christian work with a love and a rare zeal and devotion, which will secure him a lasting memory amongst his fellow missionaries, who always considered him the true example of a missionary, while his death will also be deplored by thousands of Christians in Manchuria, to whom he was like a real father. He never returned to France, and being from a noble and also very rich family, he spent all his income during his stay here in erecting churches and orphan-asylums, for lightening misery, and assisting the poor in his districts, whenever an opportunity offered itself. All his estate is by his own will left for these good and truly Christian purposes. His forty-two years' labours are terminated now, and he will have rest and recompense!—*N. C. Daily News* Correspondent.

At the Garden of Acclimatation a gentleman, completely bald, had sat down to rest near the place where the birds are kept. He soon fell fast asleep. After a while he felt quite overcome by an oppressive sense of heat; his head seemed to be on fire. He woke up with a start, and was astonished to see a huge bird scurrying away at full speed. He recognised it as the great ostrich. The bird of the desert had mistaken the sleeper's bald pate for an egg, and had conscientiously proceeded to hatch it.

The Cookery Exhibition in Vienna has proved a wonderful success. The Emperor and the Archdukes have visited the Exhibition, and expressed their satisfaction with what they saw. The Empress the next night sent word that she would visit the Exhibition early the following morning. It was cleaned and lighted, and at half-past seven her Majesty with the Archduchess Valerie was received at the gates, where electric lights were shown in the wintry morning. Amongst the most remarkable objects to which her attention was drawn were the gold dishes, in original and most splendid forms. One hotel displays its game-pies, fish, and cakes in various shapes—a Roman Emperor, Gothic buildings, Chinese towers, fortresses, Greek temples, and ships. A beefsteak is decorated with bulls' heads—small masterpieces of plastic art. Pies show their contents by having heads of pheasants and grouse upon them. Two sucking pigs dance on their hind legs on either side of a pie over which a fluttering hen seems to protect the eggs under her, which are already made into a savour dish. A very remarkable object is a large wild boar, whose skeleton is exhibited side by side with it. Pheasants, peacocks, game of all kind, are shown in their natural form, yet ready to be served. Besides these luxurious dishes are exhibited economical dinners. All the paraphernalia of kitchens, dining-rooms, cellars, are also exhibited, and among this mass of delicate objects crowds slowly move.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 5th March.

OPIUM.

No business reported to-day in Bengal; sales yesterday of Patna at $505, but large holders demand higher price. Benares quoted at $595 to $600.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/7½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight .. 3/7¼
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8¼
Credits, at 4 months' sight .. 3/8¼
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8¼

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4.37
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4.47

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 220

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 220

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 72½
Private, 30 days' sight 73½

SHARES.

Banks have been done at 148 per cent. prem. for the end of the month on the old basis, being the equivalent of 116 per cent. prem., and Sugars at $103 per share for the end of the month. Steamboats have been placed at $28 prem. Other stocks rule dull at quotations.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—116 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—$600 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$75 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,350 per share.

Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 141 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—$200 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—$102 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$340 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$64 per share ex div.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—43 per cent. premium ex div.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—$28 premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—25 per cent. discount.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—Par.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$34 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—$150 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$103 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—Nominal.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$90 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—$150 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—$82 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—$215 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—$400 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 35 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—Par.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & Co.'S ENGINEERS.)

March 4th.

Barometer—9 A.M.	30.157
Barometer—1 P.M.	30.014
Barometer—4 P.M.	30.000
Thermometer—9 A.M.	60
Thermometer—1 P.M.	61
Thermometer—4 P.M.	61
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	57
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	58
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	59
Thermometer—Maximum	61
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	60

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

6TH TO 12TH MARCH, 1884.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Th.	6	m 6 24	1 7	m 6 43	1 6
		4 14 a	8 11		
F.	7	m 7 30	1 10	m 0 11	−0 4
		5 38 a	4 2	m 10 18 a	1 6
Sat.	8	m 8 2	2 0	m 1 9	−0 8
		6 40 a	4 3	m 11 41 a	1 4
S.	9	m 8 39	2 4	m 1 49	−0 11
		7 30 a	4 5	0 42 a	1 0
M.	10	m 8 45	2 7	m 2 22	−1 0
		8 16 a	4 6	1 36 a	0 7
Tu.	11	m 9 23	2 11	m 3 33	−1 0
		8 52 a	4 6	2 21 a	0 3
W.	12	m 9 48	3 5	m 3 23	−0 11
		9 36 a	4 4	3 13 a	−0 1

The height of mean sea-level has been determined at 7.596 feet above zero of the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard; and the Low-water Ordinary Spring-Tides, to which datum the heights in these Tables are referred, as 5.596 feet above zero.

The heights in the Tables marked with a minus (−) sign are below Low-Water Ordinary Spring-Tides, and should be subtracted from the constants given above.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

4th March, 1884, at 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Manila	29.89	84.0	73	E	2	c	—
Hongkong	30.03	63.7	90	N	6	8	—
Amoy	30.08	67.0	78	NE	3	c	—
Foochow	30.22	67.0	87	NE	3	0c	—
Shanghai	30.21	45.0	69	NNE	3	c	—
Nagasaki	30.09	—	—	NNE	4	—	—
Wladiwostock	30.11	12.0	—	S	8	b	—

5th March, 1884, at 10 A.M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	30.04	59.0	92	N	5	c	—
Amoy	30.10	55.0	91	NE	1	c	—
Foochow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	30.17	43.5	83	N	1	bk	—
Nagasaki	30.22	—	—	NE	3	—	—
Wladiwostock	30.04	11.4	—	N	1	c	—

☞ The Barometer is falling. Gradients indicate moderate E. Breezes. The Temperature has fallen still lower than yesterday and the Humidity continues great.

W. DOBERCK.

Hongkong Observatory, 5th March, 1884.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Previous day. at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.03	30.09	29.94
Temperature	58.7	58.0	58.0
Humidity	90	92	90
Direction of wind	E.	E.	E.
Force of wind	5	5	6
Weather	O.	O.	O.G.
Rain	—	—	—

1.—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2.—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees and tenths Fahrenheit.
3.—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4.—DIRECTION OF THE WIND to two points.
5.—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6.—STATE OF THE WEATHER. B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. drizzling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; O. overcast; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. rain; S. snow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. dew (wet).—The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the average of their signification.
7.—RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.
For further particulars see "Instructions for making Meteorological Observations in China" (KELLY AND WALSH, Hongkong).

W. DOBERCK.

Hongkong Observatory, 5th March, 1884.

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SAN FRANCISCO, via Y'HAMA	Arabic (str.)			O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 15th inst., at 3 P.M.
PORTLAND (OREGON)	Hattie E. Tapley	Finlayson	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
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SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	Suez (str.)	Dodd		Russell & Co.	On 11th inst., at 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI	Sindh (str.)	Lequerré		Messageries Maritimes	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI via AMOY	Achilles (str.)	Anderson	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MANILA	Remus (str.)	Aguirre		Dunn, Molnye & Co.	On 11th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA via AMOY	Diamante (str.)	Stack	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	To-morrow, at 5 P.M.
SAIGON	Bengal (str.)	G. Roy	Hongkong	Soey Shing	On 8th inst. Afternoon.
SAIGON	Vortigern (str.)	J. Brown		Soey Shing	On 14th inst. Afternoon.
AMOY and TAMSUI, &c.	Hailoong (str.)	F. Ashton	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY, & F'CHOW	Kwangtung (str.)	M. Young	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW and BANGKOK	Mongkut (str.)	P. H. Loff	Hongkong	Yuen Fat Hong	On 9th inst., at 7 A.M.

INSURANCES.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.

16th November, 1872. [12

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877. IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned Agents of the above Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates

PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

18th January, 1884. [192

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

1st January, 1882. [16

CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1805.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

January 1882. [958

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), $1,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LUM SIN SANG, Esq.
BAN HUP, Esq. | YO CHONG PENG, Esq.
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The Company GRANTS POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are payable to all Contributors of Business, whether they are Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, Queen's Road West, Hongkong. 14th March, 1881. [1705

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of $65,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.

27th March, 1878 [10

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

5th November, 1883. [2004

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at the Reduced Tariff Rates to the extent of $50,000 on First-class Risks.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Agents, Sun Fire Office.

12th May, 1881. [13

THE LONDON ASSURANCE,

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

26th July, 1872. [11

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, as Agents for the above Company, are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES upon FIRST-CLASS RISKS to the extent of £15,000, at the Reduced Tariff Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

11th May, 1881. [14

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at ½ per Cent. Nett premium per Annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

20th May, 1881. [1

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at the following Rates:—

On First-class European Tenements ..... at ⅝ % Net per Annum.
On First-class Godowns, & Merchandise stored therein ..... at ⅝ % Net per Annum.
On Coals ..... at 1 % Net per Annum.
On Petroleum in limited Godowns ..... at 1½ % Net per Annum.
On First-class Chinese Tenements ..... at 2 % Net per Annum.
On Second-class Chinese Tenements ..... at 2½ % Net per Annum.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents for Phenix Fire Office.

5th August, 1881. [15

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at ½ % nett per Annum, and other INSURANCES at Current Rates.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and the Philippines.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

27th March, 1882. [692

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THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORSAR & SONS, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January, 1867. [20

TALGAR AND COMPANY.
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CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT,
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THE LATEST TELEGRAMS,
together with the
POLITICAL AND GENERAL NEWS
of the Fortnight.
The "Trade Report" has a large circulation in Hongkong, the Ports of China and Japan, the Philippines, Straits Settlements, &c., &c.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

FOR SAIGON.

THE Steamship

"VORTIGERN,"

Captain J. Brown, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SOEY SHING, Bonham Strand.

5th March, 1884. [431

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamship

"SINDH,"

Captain Lequerré will be despatched for SHANGHAI, shortly after her arrival from Europe.

J. MARTIN, Acting Agent.

5th March, 1884.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamship

"VOLGA;"

Captain Du Temple, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA, shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

J. MARTIN, Acting Agent.

5th March, 1884.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND; through Passage Tickets granted to PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA.)

THE Steamship

"TAIWAN,"

Captain Smith, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst., at FOUR P.M.

This vessel has unusually good Cabin Accommodation, situated amidships, upon the upper deck.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

1st March, 1884. [468

FOR VICTORIA, B.C.

THE American Bark

"NELLIE MAY,"

Austin, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

11th February, 1884. [355

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

Williams, Commander, expected here on or about the 9th instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

4th March, 1884. [493

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

THE American Ship

"HATTIE E. TAPLEY,"

Finlayson, Master, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

3rd March, 1884. [478

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI AND HIOGO.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"KASHGAR"

will leave for the above place TO-DAY, the 6th March, at NOON.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

22nd February, 1884.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN-FOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 6th instant, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

5th March, 1884. [489

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWANGTUNG,"

Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at TEN A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

5th March, 1884. [490

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEWCHWANG, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTSZE).

THE Company's Steamship

"POSANG,"

Captain Irvine, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 7th inst., at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

3rd March, 1884. [477

FOR SAIGON.

THE Steamship

"BENGAL,"

Captain G. Roy, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, the 8th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SOEY SHING, Bonham Strand.

4th March, 1884. [440

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"REMUS,"

Captain Aguirre, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 11th instant, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DUNN, MELUYE & Co.

4th March, 1884. [486

THE AUSTRALASIA, CHINA, JAPAN & STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, and TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA, and FIJI).

THE Steamship

"SUEZ,"

Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 11th instant, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

4th March, 1884. [479

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED,"

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

28th February, 1884. [336

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BELLONA,"

Captain W. Schaefer, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 8th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.

21st February, 1884. [414

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEWCHWANG, HANKOW, and PORTS on the YANGTSZE).

THE Steamship

"GLENCOE,"

Captain Park, will be despatched as above on or about the 8th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

4th March, 1884. [487

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND ADELAIDE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA, AND FIJI)

THE Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's Steamer

"MENMUIR,"

will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 15th March.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to FOUR P.M., of 14th March.

Contents and Value of the packages must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

28th February, 1884. [455

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

THE Steamship

"BENGLOE,"

Captain Webster, expected here on 7th instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

3rd March, 1884. [473

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ.
ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS.
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.
ALSO,
BOMBAY.

ON TUESDAY, the 11th day of March, 1884, at Noon, the Company's Steamship "ANADYR," Commandant Tillier, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until NOON of 10th March, 1884.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 10th March, 1884. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

J. MARTIN, Acting Agent.

29th February, 1884.

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE, VIA INLAND SEA.
TAKING CARGO FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE "TAKACHIHO-MARU," Captain NYE, due here on or about the 10th inst., will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at FOUR P.M.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to ONE P.M., of the day of Sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under $2 Freight.

All Claims for Damage must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Offices, Praya Central, Ground Floor of Messrs. Russell & Co.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.

5th March, 1884.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE:
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship "ARABIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, *viâ* Yokohama and Honolulu, on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at THREE P.M.

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EXTRACTS.

THE MUSIC OF THE RAIN.

Falling, falling on the house-tops,
With a music quaint and rare,
Like the sound of human heart throbs
On the silent midnight air,
Or the tears of angels falling
When they weep with those who weep
Or the lullaby of mothers
When they rock their babes to sleep.

Like the drowsy wine of poppies
With its weird enchanting power,
Coming to the weary listener
Like the dew to drooping flower:
Like calm sleep to those who suffer,
Or like tears to those who mourn;
Like remembered words of loved ones
From our aching bosoms torn.

Strangely sweet, bewitching music,
All enthralled my senses lie,
As I watch the mystic future
With the shadowy past go by,
While a calm and holy quiet
Steals upon my heart and brain,
Then I fall asleep, still listening
To the murmur of the rain.

So, maybap, some time hereafter,
I shall lay me down to rest,
Overweary, and shall listen
For the music I love best;
When its gentle cadence falling
Through the midnight silence deep,
Softly soothes my troubled spirit,
While it lulls me into sleep.

When, at last, my soul has fallen
Into sweetest, glad repose,
That on earth sunshine nor shadow
No awakening ever knows—
Like the voice of waiting angels,
Or the vesper bells in toll,
May the softly falling raindrops
Chant a requiem for my soul.

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THE LATE HENRI MARTIN.

In this age of showing and self-advertising people, Henri Martin was a rare human jewel. He had not the slightest idea that he was one of the best fellows that ever lived, and he was too unconscious of his thorough goodness to pique himself upon it. If an appreciative friend called his attention to any of his excellent qualities, his face grew radiant, and the mantling glow of the cheeks extended to the roots of his gray hair. In the sensation he experienced he had the delight of a quite unexpected impression. Usually, he was oblivious of his identity, and it was such a pleasant thing to be awakened to consciousness of it in a way to put him in good humour with himself; I doubt if it ever occurred to him to think what manner of man Henri Martin was. To hear, therefore, a favourable opinion of himself, came with all the force of pleasing novelty. As he never fished for journalistic compliments, those paid him were genuine. I cannot think how it was that a man so unacquainted with the art of getting himself talked about and puffed, ever rose to the considerable standing he attained nearly thirty years ago. As a worker he was solitary, but in other respects intensely sociable, though not, perhaps, convivial. Madame Martin did not encourage him to gather his friends around his table. She was a French provincial *bourgeoise* of an old-fashioned type. From motives of thrift, and when Deism and Republicanism were under a social cloud, she, to avoid persecution, lived in her house as a snail in its shell. Nearly fifty years of patient economy secured what, to a person of her habits, seemed a fortune. Henri Martin died the owner of his small house and garden in Passy. They were bought for £3,200 when that quarter was outside of Paris, and must now be worth £20,000. A seaside retreat was also purchased cheaply at Morbihan, which is now a valuable property. As these estates rose in worth, the *Siècle*, which M. Henri Martin helped to found, and which had a monopoly of Republican readers under the Empire, declined. For eighteen years its proprietors coined gold. Every inn, pot-house, café, and hotel in places where there were Liberals or Republicans, took that journal. It was the most largely circulated paper in France before the *Petit Journal* started. As all its shareholders were on the staff, the money spent in editorship went into their pockets. Henri Martin would have died poor, but for the lucky hit he made, with Carnot and some others, in founding the *Siècle*. Havin, the chief editor, was a sharp and prudent Norman. As the field was cleared of all rival journals of the same hue, he could afford to be dull, and inoffensive to the Government. He also, at his country house, humbled himself before the Bishop of his diocese, and kept up an old friendship with Ferdinand Banot. The *Siècle* was able to build itself a palace. Henri Martin was not easy to hold in. Havin kept him from touching burning actualities, by often asking him to write on antiquarian subjects. When the journal began to suffer from close competition, M. Henri Martin was elected a Life Senator. This function brought him 12,000 f. a year. His history was not a saleable book, if the most valuable to those who really went to know how France grew up and continued to be a nation. Henri Martin was afraid in writing to be himself. He was too respectably brought up among provincial notaries, judges, and advocates, not to be what was known as a correct stylist. The secret of good writing is to observe well, think a great deal, study closely one's subject, and, after idling a while so as to let one's ideas get into natural order, to give the rein to the pen. Michelet did this; but he had the advantage of not belonging to a highly "respectable family, and so trusted to personal inspiration for a style.

Henri Martin was as careful to give an historical miscreant who died a thousand years ago a fair trial as if he were a prisoner in the dock charged with a capital offence. The historian in acting as judge weighed and re-weighed evidence, looked at surrounding circumstances, dived into musty records, visited localities, and questioned the stones of monuments and the legends of the peasantry, so as to be able to sum up fairly. He often stayed awake at night, revolving in his mind knotty cases of history. The mind worked so hard to be equitable that there was no room for divination, the results of which are more taking than those of patient induction. He laboured too much to sum up with impartiality to be popular. The vulgar reader likes authority, and to be spared the trouble of forming opinions. He soon tires of *pros* and *cons*. If Henri Martin had written as he spoke in private on topics which acted on his brain as steel on flint, he would have been one of the most delightful historians that ever lived.

The erudite historian was woman-loving, but in no Paphian sense. Where he loved, he venerated too. His heart was capacious, and his fair favourites numerous. He was truly theirs to command in any way that he could oblige them. I have known him run about for days, and give himself a world of trouble to oblige a lady whose conversation he found a stimulus. Another became a fast friend of his by simply asking him to do her favours. He got her tickets for the Academy, the Senate, introductions to literary lions and statesmen, and obtained a Red Ribbon for an Arab chief whom she imagined had been ill-used by a military bureau. As a reward—and it quite sufficed—she affected an interest in the round towers of Ireland and the cromlechs. He talked so eloquently about them, that she was bitten with his passion for Celtic lore. He had studied Celtic remains wherever they were to be found—in language, tombstones, and weapons—and thought so much about the Celts, their customs, laws, and poetry, as mentally to rise them from the dead and to be in companionship with them. Was it not a wonderful fact that a man bred to be a notary, who had witnessed three Revolutions, the Days of June, the Siege and Commune, and who led an active public life, should take a passionate interest in the Druids, Merlin, and King Arthur? Henri Martin's face would fall and his voice grow husky from painful emotion if the Druids' sacerdotal body was charged with impostura and with offering up human sacrifices on their stone altars. Why! they brought the truth of the Vedas straight from India, taught respect for Mother Earth, the eternity of spirit and of matter, kindness to all living creatures, and the sovereign greatness of the conscience. Pagans first, and then Christians, libelled them.

The cock-loft in M. Henri Martin's house was used as a store for newspapers giving the daily history of more than fifty years, caricatures, and official placards. Every room on the upper story was turned into a sort of Record Office. Each historical personage, each class or body, with which he dealt as an historian had a pigeon-hole or series of pigeon-holes, filled with documents relating to them, all labelled and ready for use. A tall desk and one of ordinary height stood in each room, to enable the historian to make notes, standing or sitting, as he searched. If Michelet had written and Henri Martin had fed him with a strong and goodly monument they might have reared! A room was sacred to the only daughter of the historian. She died many years ago. The walls were adorned with her paintings, which, as she was Ary Scheffer's best pupil, had much more than a retrospective value. The last thing she did was a picture—life size—of herself and her *fiancé* waltzing. Though in perfect health when she began it, she said, "Papa, I feel that I am soon to leave you for ever, but not *comme une mariée*. I want to do a portrait that you will be glad to have, because you tell me you are happiest when you see me dancing. My partner will be *mon futur*, although I should not so term him, because I know that Death is almost here to call me away." She chose the waltz as the most harmonious of modern dances. Both figures and faces express musical rhythm, the exhilaration which young people feel when dancing, and the idea that the girl feels Death is coming, and, knowing she must go, would like to draw the young man with her. There is no sign of groping after effect in the execution of the painting. A few simple lines fix on the canvas the idea that was in the painter's head. Her eyes look round. Henri Martin fancied they said to him each time he gazed on the picture, "*Au revoir!*" Sentiment is the strongest of all moral powers. That *au revoir* expressed in the daughter's portrait, the circumstances under which the picture was done, and the subsequent death of the beloved artist clenched forever a belief in the soul's immortality. Druidical teaching gave this belief support. Henri Martin used to groan at Paul Bert's materialism in the *feuilleton* of the *République Française*, but he was too consistent to deny the savant's right to teach as he honestly thought. All the rooms on the north side of the house were used as an ornithological museum. Doctor Martin has been, gun in hand, all over Europe, North Africa, and Asia, to make a collection of stuffed birds. Doctor Martin is the only son of the historian. His genius leads him to study Nature in her works.

Henri Martin was tall, bony, awkwardly built, and of a hale, fresh complexion. He had a long face, strong, narrow chin, a *retroussé* nose, wide at the nostrils, sharp at the point, and high at the bridge. Honest blue eyes fit up charmingly the old man's face. Most tell-tale eyes they were; but, luckily, the worst revelations they could make were about amiable foibles. For an out-and-out Celt he had a curiously German head, round at the base, about equal in all its diameters, and phenomenally high from ear to crown. As he often dined out, he frequently went to the Institute and to the Senate, to pay afternoon visits in evening dress. The gloves were of white cotton, and a world too big for his large hands. In winter a comforter hid, when he was out of doors, the white cravat; a great coat was dispensed with. Shoes were preserved from mud by goloshes, which he forgot to take off in making his calls. A valet of the late Lord Caithness threw up his place on account of M. Henri Martin's white cotton gloves. He imagined that nobody above the rank of a Jeames could wear such vulgar things, and as he was only used to attend on his "superiors," he could not demean himself by waiting "on them as was not his betters."

Henri Martin rode on the tops of omnibuses unless in wet weather. He was a Benedictine at home and abroad, and indefatigable in promoting benevolent, patriotic, and pedagogic schemes, in inspecting schools and asylums, distributing prizes, delivering lectures, and making speeches. He turned a wing of the Passy Mayoralty into a high school for working-class adults. They can learn gratis there from the best professors what sons of rich bourgeois are taught in lyceums. A great actor teaches elocution and how to read aloud. At nine in the morning there is a horticultural class in the garden, where lessons are also given in pruning and grafting trees. One is sometimes tempted to ask whether the "good people" are not simply "less bad" than the others. There was no badness in dear, Druidical Henri Martin; and as for humbug, he was guiltless of it from the outset to the end of his career. He carried the guilelessness of childhood into old age. At the Academy he succeeded Thiers. The contrast between the two historians was a sharp one. One was the god Mercury in human form. The piquancy of the Academical eulogium delivered by M. Henri Martin lay in his incapacity to see this. —*Truth.*

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Cotton, Shantung, per picul.....	$16.30 to 16.50
Cotton, Tientsin, per picul.....	$17.50 to 17.30
Cotton, Tunghow, per picul.....	$17.50 to 18.30
Cotton Seeds, Saigon.....	$4.20 to 4.30
Cotton Seeds, Siam.....	$4.10 to 4.20
Cutchfish, Japan.....	$22.50 to 23.00
Cuttlefish, Japan, without bones, p. pl..	$15.50 to 16.50
Cuttlefish, Chaushow, per picul.....	$23.00 to 27.50
Dates, Black, per picul.....	Tls. 2.8.0 to 2.9.5
Dates, Red, per picul.....	Tls. 2.3.5 to 2.4.0
Dried Lily Flowers.....	$7.85 to 8.15
Elephant's Teeth, 4 to 5 pieces.....	$250 to 300
Elephant's Teeth, 7 to 8 pieces.....	$200 to 220
Flour, California, per sack of 50 lbs.....	$1.43 to 1.54
Flour, American, per barrel of 100 lbs...	$3.10 to 3.25
Flour, American, per barrel of 200 lbs...	$3.30 to 6.35
Fungus	$30.00 to 30.50
Flints, per picul	$0.50 to 0.63
Ginseng, American, 1st quality, p. picul.	$200 to 250
Ginseng, American, 2nd quality, p. picul.	$160 to 170
Hams, Ordinary, per picul	Tls. 17.7.0 to 18.0.0
Hams, Superior, per picul	Tls. 25.5.0 to 31.0.0
Hemp, Hankow, per picul	$10.50 to 12.00
Hemp, Siam, per picul.....	$10.40 to 11.00
Isinglass, Japan, per picul.....	$34.00 to 41.00
Melon Seeds, 1st quality, per picul.....	$4.90 to 5.20
Melon Seeds, 2nd quality, per picul.....	$4.50 to 4.65
Mushrooms, per picul	$38.00 to 48.50
Mussels, Dry Siam large, per picul.....	$8.95 to 9.10
Mussels, Dry Siam middle, per picul ...	$7.25 to 7.45
Mussels, Dry Siam small, per picul.....	$6.15 to 6.35
Paa Oil, per picul.....	Tls. 6.1.0 to 6.2.5
Peas, White, per picul.....	2.15 to 2.23
Peas, Green, per picul.....	$2.25 to 2.34
Peas, Black, per picul.....	$1.75 to 1.76
Peas, Yellow, per picul.....	$2.00 to 2.10
Peas, Green Beans, per picul.....	$2.15 to 2.25
Pearl Barley, per picul.....	7.50 to 7.80
Potatoe Plant, per picul.....	Tls. 1.5.0 to 1.8.5
Parchment, per picul	$13.00 to 14.70
Rhinoceros Horn, per picul.....	$2,600 to 3,000
Rhinoceros Horn, Mother, per picul.....	$2,000 to 2,400
Rice, Siam, No. 1, per picul	$1.95 to 1.96
Rice, Siam, No. 2, per picul	$1.82 to 1.83
Rice, Siam, milled No. 1, per picul	$1.82 to 1.83
Rice, Siam, milled No. 2, per picul	$1.67 to 1.68
Rice, Saigon, No. 1, per picul.....	$1.87 to 1.90
Rice, Saigon, Hemp bags.....	$1.75 to 1.76
Rice, Saigon, Straw bags.....	$1.71 to 1.72
Rice, Japan	$3.10 to 3.70
Saltpetre, per picul	5.60 to 5.85
Seaweed, Green, per picul	$1.95 to 2.10
Seaweed, Cut, per picul	$2.35 to 2.40
Sesamum, White, per picul.....	$3.85 to 3.95
Sesamum, Black, per picul.....	Tls. 3.4.5 to 3.5.5
Shark's fins, per picul.....	$25.00 to 60.00
Shellfish, Japan, per picul	$27.00 to 30.00
Shellfish, California, per picul	$11.50 to 12.00
Shoeskins, per picul	5.00 to 6.50
Straits Produce, &c.,—	
Betel Nut, per picul	$4.17 to 4.20
Pepper, White, per picul	$21.70 to 22.00
Pepper, Black, per picul	$12.50 to 13.00
Rattan, Straits, per picul.....	$3.30 to 5.50
Rattans, Bangar, per picul	$4.35 to 4.65
Sandal Wood, Malabar, per picul	$4.30 to 4.85
Sandal Wood, South Seas, per picul ...	$21.50 to 22.55
Sapan Wood, Manila, per picul.....	$1.45 to 1.65
Sapan Wood, Siam, per picul.....	$2.25 to 2.35
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 1, p. pcl...	$7.50 to 8.05
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 2, p. pcl...	6.75 to 6.93
Sugar, Shek-lung, Brown, per picul.....	$4.35 to 4.80
Sugar Candy, Shek-lung, per picul ...	$8.90 to 9.06
Sugar Candy, Foochow, per picul.....	$9.65 to 9.70
Sugar Candy, Swatow, White, per picul.	$8.75 to 7.80
Vermicelli, Tientsin, per picul	$7.50 to 7.75
Wheat, Tientsin, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wheat, Japan, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wood Oil, per picul.....	Tls. 6.3.5 to 6.4.0
Window Glass, per box.....	$3.65 to 3.70

SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.

HONGKONG.

VESSELS.	DATE OF ARRIVAL	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND RIG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
			STEAMERS.			
Achilles	Mar. 5	C. Anderson	Brit. str	1523	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai
Atalanta	Mar. 2	E. G. Pfoff	Ger. str	783	Siemssen & Co	
Bellona	Feb. 6	W. Schaefer	Ger. str	789	Siemssen & Co	London
Bengal	Feb. 28	G. Roy	Brit. str	1333	Sang Shing	Saigon
Bothwell Castle	Feb. 14	R. J. C. Tod	Brit. str	1653	Captain	
Cassandra	Mar. 1	Lindemann	Ger. str	1097	Siemssen & Co	
China	Jan. 25	Fenken	Ger. str	643	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Canton
Chi-yuen	Mar. 4	F. Wallace	Brit. str	1211	C. M. S. N. Co	
Elmay	June 30	Rementaria	Span. str	232	Remedios & Co	Great Admiral
Fame	—	Stoppani	Brit. str	117	H. & W. Dock Co.	Highflyer
Ferrania	Mar. 5	P. Paulsen	Ger. str	1175	Siemssen & Co	J. G. Pendleton
Hailoong	Mar. 3	F. Ashton	Brit. str	277	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Tamsui
Huinan	Nov. 23	J. Woone	Brit. str	281	Afong	Jupiter
Hankow	—	J. Ogston	Brit. str	2235	Butterfield & Swire	Canton
Hooam	—	T. T. Bunning	Brit. str	1344	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Laid up
Kashgar	Mar. 2	Webber	Brit. str	1515	P. & O. S. N. Co	Yokohama
Kiukiang	—	Lefavour	Brit. str	1061	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Kiungchow	—	S. W. Goggin	Brit. str	288	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Kwangtung	Mar. 4	M. Young	Brit. str	680	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Coast Ports
Mindanao	Mar. 4	Gonzales	Span. str	650	Dunn, Melhys & Co	
Miramar	Mar. 3	E. J. Duggan	Brit. str	940	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Mongkut	Mar. 3	H. Loff	Brit. str	855	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Mossor	Feb. 26	H. Longly	Brit. str	1323	Chinese	
Nam-yuan	Jan. 9	Lerido	Fr. str	435	A. R. Marty	
Ocean	Feb. 25	R. R. Brown	Brit. str	1039	Tung Kee & Co	
Pewan	—	—	Brit. str	1842	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Remus	Dec. 28	Aguirre	Span. str	695	Dunn, Melhys & Co	Manila
Sea Gull	—	Haylon	Amr. str	48	C. Traders' Insurance Co	
Salembria	Nov. 16	Fowler	Brit. str	1992	Russell & Co	New York
Tromp	Oct. 11	A. S. Roe	Dut. str	187	Ed. Schellhass & Co	
Vortivern	Mar. 2	J. Brown	Brit. str	879	Sang Shing	Saigon
Vorwaerts	Mar. 2	Boysen	Ger. str	611	Wieler & Co	
White Cloud	—	A. Benning	Brit. str	652	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Macao
Yottung	—	—	Brit. str	286	Chinese	
			SAILING VESSELS.			
Andromeda	Feb. 11	Schaefer	Ger. sh	1871	Captain	
Antioch	Nov. 25	J. Wyman	Amr. bk	350	Order	
Bonito	Feb. 17	H. Hasse	Ger. bk	524	Wieler & Co	
Charlotte	Feb. 19	C. Horn	Ger. bk	820	Melchers & Co	
Coloma	Dec. 20	C. M. Noyes	Amr. bk	832	Melchers & Co	
Constanza	Feb. 24	C. Jacobs	Ger. sh	954	Siemssen & Co	
Haydn Brown	Oct. 15	Havener	Amr. bk	822	Russell & Co	
Hecht	Feb. 25	W. Plocts	Ger. sch	358	Siemssen & Co	
Hercules	Feb. 5	Lincoln	Amr. sh	1215	Order	
Jupiter	Dec. 25	C. Johannsen	Ross. bk	680	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	London
Margarethe	Feb. 17	C. Poppe	Ger. sh	1228	Order	
Marie Louise	Feb. 18	A. Erachsen	Ger. bk	442	Chinese	
Milton	Mar. 5	J. J. Kriger	Nor. bk	407	Captain	
Mount Lebanon	Sept. 19	C. H. Nelson	Brit. bkn	530	Chinese	
Nellie May	Nov. 30	A. Austin	Amr. bk	684	Russell & Co	Victoria, B.C.
N. Gibson	Nov. 3	T. C. Bailey	Amr. bk	704	Borneo Co., Limited	
Paul Riviere	Jan. 29	Mullens	Amr. sh	1787	Captain	
Penobscot	Jan. 21	O. G. Eaton	Amr. bk	1037	Russell & Co	
Printemps	Feb. 22	Gaillard	Fren. bk	357	Carlowitz & Co	
Quicksteep	Feb. 1	Jackobsen	Am. sch	403	Russell & Co	
Rambler	Feb. 22	C. Ficking	Amr. bk	1117	M. B. M. S. S. Co	
Sarah	Dec. 1	H. Johannsen	Amr. bk	638	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	New York
Siamese Crown	Feb. 23	Jorgensen	Siam. sh	500	Chinese	
Star of China	Fe